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COOPERATIVE FORESTRY WORK

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The Experiment Station is prepared to give practical assistance to land owners in the management of timber tracts and woodlots, in the establishment of commercial tree plantations, shelter belts, windbreaks, and in reclaiming waste land by forest planting.

The purpose of this cooperative work is to establish in suitable localities examples of forest management, woodlot improvement and forest planting, which shall serve for demonstration and experimental purposes.

The Station believes the native woodlot to be the fundamental factor in Ohio forestry, and it is desirous of coming in contact with those parties who possess such woodlots, and who wish to preserve them and increase their productivity. The great majority of farm woodlots are in an unproductive condition, and are often maintained at a loss to the owners. The fundamental principles of woodlot management are well known but there are certain classes of woodlots which present problems in the matter of improvement, and which make some experimental work necessary.

NATURE OF ASSISTANCE GIVEN

The assistance rendered is advisory by means of inspections and detailed plans prepared by a representative of the Experiment Station.

The plans will include full and comprehensive instructions for the necessary work upon the tract examined, based upon a study of its possibilities and needs. In the event of a forest plantation of any description, they name the proper species for planting, give instructions for the preparation of the ground, and for the spacing and

setting of the young trees. For woodlots or large forest tracts, suggestions are given as far as possible, relative to the cutting and marketing of mature and weed trees, the thinning of second growth stands, the replanting of areas cut-over, planting among thin stands, and underplanting to preserve or create good forest conditions. Information will be given relative to the care of the existing trees and methods to be followed in order to secure the perpetuation of the forest, by natural regeneration of valuable species. In some cases plans are supplemented by maps.

When it is impossible to determine accurately what should be done or when conditions are problematical, the Station is prepared to establish experimental operations, working toward a solution of the problems.

Under these conditions it will in some cases furnish seeds or nursery stock when needed in the execution of the planting or working plan, otherwise, all nursery stock, either seed or trees, will be charged for at a nominal rate. By paying for nursery stock, however, the cooperator is not released from his obligation to the Experiment Station respecting reports to be made upon the condition of the planting, or access to the planting for the purpose of procuring data for publication. It is expected also that the directions of the Station with respect to the care and management of the tract or planting will be carried out.

REGULATIONS GOVERNING COOPERATIVE WORK

No charge is made for field examinations, planting or working plans, but it is expected that transportation of the Station representative from the nearest railroad point to and from the land to be examined will be provided by the owner, also subsistence during the time required to make the examination or plans.

HOW TO MAKE APPLICATION

Persons desiring the services of the Experiment Station in accordance with the provisions outlined in this circular, are requested to fill the application blank on the back or make application by letter to the Forester of the Experiment Station.

Application for services should be made as far in advance as possible, so that the necessary attention may be given thereto in due time.

GENTLEMEN:

I have read carefully your circular regarding Cooperative Forestry work and would say that I shall be pleased to go ahead with the work under the conditions therein specified and to have your Forester visit me to make the plans at such time as seems wise to you.

I shall be pleased to meet him at.....
Railway or traction station

which is.....miles.....from where I live or at
Direction

.....which is.....miles.....

from where I live or at

I shall wish about.....days notice and am connected with the

.....telephone exchange.....

The plot I wish to use in the work contains about.....acres,

which may be described as follows:.....

It is situated in.....township and

.....county.

Signed.....

P. O.

Date of mailing

Address to FORESTER, O. A. E. S.,
 Wooster, Ohio.

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